

## HIS OWN LAW

## Synopsis

Dave Shipley, an itinerant photographer, arrives at the ranch of "Dad" Emerson, near the border, where he solicits photographs. He finds that Emerson operates the small sheep ranch with the aid of his young son, Buddy, and his daughter, Mary. They are in trouble with cattlemen, being accused of rustling, as Emerson's ranch is the only outlet between the neighboring cattle country and the border. Blackie Duncan is in reality leader of the gang of rustlers who are stealing cattle, and in order to get their stolen cattle through to the border, it is necessary for them to control the Emerson ranch. Duncan has used every means at his command to oust Emerson from the ranch, but Emerson stubbornly holds on. When Shipley learns of the trouble, he decides to remain with Emerson and help in the fight.

Duncan calls at the ranch to renew his efforts to get it from Emerson, and threatens Mary that unless she marries him, he will as a last resort drive Emerson out with force. Shipley defends Mary, and chases ~~EMERSON~~ Duncan from the ranch. He overtakes Duncan, and after a warning to ~~leave him alone~~ go. Duncan attempts to shoot Shipley while his back is turned, but Buddy Emerson has followed, and forgetting the fact that he poses as a two gun real cowboy, he shoots at Duncan and stops the shot.

Buddy later on scouts through the hills and finds on the rendezvous of the rustlers, where he is held by Duncan. Duncan dispatches a note to Emerson with the threat that unless he gives in, they will take Buddy away and keep him with them. Shipley goes to rescue Buddy, but in the meantime has cleverly outwitted the rustlers and made his escape. He meets Shipley on the way to his rescue, and informs him that Duncan and his men are about to raid the ranch. Shipley sends Buddy to round up the loyal cattle men to help fight Duncan, while he returns to the ranch. Duncan and his men attack the Emerson ranch, and a pitched battle ensues between Emerson and Shipley on one side and the rustlers on the other. Buddy rounds up the cattle men and comes to the aid of the besieged ranchers, and arrives in time to save his sister from the hands of Duncan.

Shipley displays photographs he has taken showing Duncan and his men rustling cattle, which is sufficient to convict them, and as a reward for his efforts he wins Mary Emerson.

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